

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR DAILY PRAYER:

praying with the church: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer.aspx>
 Prayer of imagination: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>
 There will be morning prayers Monday– Wednesday 9.05am this week.

FOODBANK Please continue to donate. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

VOLUNTEERS needed for cleaning rota, please see the Vicar for more information.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES. Will commence shortly. If you have been inspired by those recently confirmed, please sign up at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION in the Cathedral on Saturday 4th February 2017 at 3pm, to which all those who have been confirmed during 2016 have been invited. Please RSVP to bishopsldge@liverpool.anglican.org

DIRECTIONS COURSE Begins Thursday 19th January 2017 7.15-9.30pm at St Andrews, Denton Green, St Helens. This course will enable you to look at calling and vocation in the broadest sense (ie not just ordination) For more information speak to the vicar or check out <http://www.liverpool.anglican.org/Directions>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING, This training is for those who: Work with children and young people; Work with adults; If you've not already completed, please access the training in January. <http://www.liverpool.anglican.org/Parish-Safeguarding-Training---January-16th-2017>

NEW ROTAS Available at the back of church.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for Christian Aid exit collection at the Tesco Deysbrook store on Thursday 9 February. 2 hours slots from 10am—6pm. Please sign up at the back of church if you are willing to help.

Meetings and Events**Sunday 8th January**

Café Church Eucharist 6pm

Spark 7.30pm

Monday 9th January

PCC meeting 7.30pm community room

Wednesday 11th January

Bible Study 7.30pm 18 Bowden Close

Friday 13th January

Choir practice, All welcome 7pm in Church

Monday 16th January

SMT meeting in the Vicarage 7.30pm

Justice and Peace meeting, 7.30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd

Welcome to St Cuthbert's



Sunday 8th January 2017 The Baptism of Christ

Intercessions

Beatrice Illingworth, Jane Coe, John Balmer, Louis Marshall, Julie Carroll, Juan Buch-Turon, Audrey, Annabel Jaycock, Yvonne Kavanagh, Kathy Hare, Hal Leversley, Francis Davidson, Hugh, Colin Robertson, Wendy, Celia Colebourn, Elaine Johnson, Michael, Ruth, Connor and Leslie, Baby Joseph Turner, Betty and Paul Jackman, Victoria Dobie, James Healy, Debbie, Roseline Wagner, Graham Thomas, Steve and Sarah. Jean Benson, Diane William, Paul Briggs & family, Vera Dowling, Madeleine Molyneux, Lyndsey Byrne, Penny Corbett, Ellie Rieveley, Paul Morgan, Mary Jones, Faye Thorp, Annie, Ben, Arthur Harrison. Norman and Ann Bowler, Stephen Wearing, Pauline Wood and family. Jean Painter, Baby Sophie, Tom Wilson, Marie and Family

RIP**Years Mind:**

Bert Maguire, Neil Blair, Ivornia Holland, Ron Hare, Marie Wood

Welcome to St Cuthberts Church

Welcome to you today if your heart is singing, and welcome if your heart is breaking. Welcome if you're anxious about tomorrow and welcome if you don't have a care in the world. Welcome if your conscience is troubling you and welcome if you're barely able to contain your experience of forgiveness. Welcome if you leapt out of bed this morning and welcome if you had to drag yourself out. Welcome to you if this is your first visit, and welcome if you have barely missed a single Sunday since the turn of the century. Welcome if you barely know why you're here, welcome if you are here for a specific reason (in fact, welcome whatever that reason might be). Welcome if Jesus means the world to you, and welcome if his story is a closed book to you. Welcome to you today if you are feeling your age, and welcome if you have the energy of a teenager. Welcome to you if you are skinny as a rake, and welcome if you could afford to lose a few pounds. Welcome if you are a health-freak or a junk-food eater, a keep-fit fanatic or a couch potato. Welcome parents and children, those who have come with others and those who have come alone. Whether you are here as tourist or pilgrim, seeker or doubter, saint or sinner, regular or visitor, friend or stranger: you are welcome

COLLECT

(For the Baptism of Christ)

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42. 1-9

(A reading from the book of Isaiah)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Reading

Acts 10. 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL

Matthew. 3. 13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

